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| DOUGLAS et al.               | ) | Before the Examiner   |
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| METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR    | ) |                       |
| SAMPLING AND ANALYZING BODY  | ) |                       |
| FLUID                        | ) | Confirmation No. 4411 |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.